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FIVE YEARS AGO.

Towns like individuals have anniversaries, and to-day we remember that Oct. 8, 1890, was the formal inception of the town. The sun shone brightly and amid cheers, ladies representing Eastern and Northern states as well as Southern states raised the United States' flag for the first time in Sequachee, the crowd cheered and the band played on.

To contribute to the eclat of the occasion, a costly excursion had been organized from Boston, and everybody was delighted of course. Subsequent events proved that some of our guests were veritable Jonahs, but we did not know it then and flattery, praise and gush abounded.

Then followed the sale of lots, and was prefaced with speeches, announcing such great things, which, alas, have failed to materialize, and the papers, how they laid it on. Here is a sample from the Chattanooga Times of Oct. 8, 1890. Speaking of the famous excursion: "It may be said that no excursion party has ever passed through Chattanooga that presents a finer appearance than that which arrived here last night—are all fine looking and intelligent men. They all looking as if they were the happy possessors of of pithoric pocket-books and comfortable bank accounts."

The sale over and said to amount to \$121,000, but alas and alack, how much it ultimately fell short and the people who were here, what became of them?

"Hans Breitman gave a party, Where is that party now?"

The population when the census was taken was 50 souls. It went rapidly up to 480 in 1891, decreased to 330 in the spring of 1893, and fell to 178 in Nov., 1893, and has remained the same since. As business weakened the people withdrew.

From the sale until Christmas 1890 things were quite lively. Hotel Marion and the Owen house were generally full but money gave out and the orders soon came to suspend all work, and in Feb. 1891, work on the hotel was stopped, never, as it seems, to be resumed. From the spring of 1891 to the fall of 1892 there was a fair sign of business, as both the sewing machine factory and planing mill was running. Then they, too, closed and grumbling began. Why

don't the company do something? They ought to open their coal mines. What be I going to get out of it? 'They oughter do this and that,' until one's life was made a burden. And so our population gradually faded away as each particular one could not be benefited specially, and the company had no money. Luckily they managed to pay off all their indebtedness here by borrowing of the stockholders and so saved themselves from the experience of other companies to the disgust of several who hoped to be able to get their land back at their own terms. Since that time it's wait for somebody to do something who could. We were told in 1891, we should be sick of waiting but outside of the disgust at the gradual dying out process and disappointment, we are not sick yet and don't propose to be.

In the five years post, death has made havoc with the stockholders and some of the heaviest, representing about one-sixth of the stock, among them, Hon. Leonidas Honk of Tennessee, Dr. Chamberlain, Isaac Abbot, John J. Hanson, E. T. Hubbard, Hon. A. Nute, E. E. Smart, Ex-Gov. J. A. Western, Hon. Edwin Wallace, and E. G. Wallace, all of New Hampshire; E. H. Conger of Iowa. Death has also made its inroad upon our family, but we are still here waiting.

Waiting for what? The realization of our ardent wish to complete a work in which we took great pride in helping establish. Sequachee is as available to-day as it ever was, has lost no advantages it ever had, wants no boom, stands almost the one company, which has not been frittered away by law and plunder, is the best location for a town as ever and is ready for good citizens to settle in. Will they come? We want no boom, give us people and manufactures will follow, and hard as our lot may seem we will not despair.

NOTICE!

All sons of honorably discharged soldiers are requested to meet at this office, Saturday, Oct. 19, 1895, at 1:30 p. m., to sign application for a charter for Camp of Sons of Veterans of the United States.

THOMAS H. HILL.

The News is ahead of all.

LOCAL.

Mr. Walker left for Bridgeport Monday.

Monday last B. B. Lasater visited Chattanooga.

Geo. Rogers went to Whitwell Thursday last.

Ab Thornton went to South Pittsburg last Friday.

Newton Fultz of Lover's Leap was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. B. F. Lasater went to Whitwell, Wednesday Oct. 2.

Don't forget the Post meeting next Saturday October 12th.

Mr. J. C. Miller and family returned to South Pittsburg last week.

We thank Mr. Sam Pryor and Mr. C. L. Gruebele for locals.

Mr. C. Gabel has secured employment as a machinist in Chattanooga.

Miss Louisa Wagner left Sequachee for her home at Cleveland, Ohio, last Friday.

Will our friends kindly remember that we are glad to get any items of interest.

Hiram Coppinger, Lucius Ables and B. F. Lasater went to Jasper Tuesday.

Dodgers and programs will be printed for you at this office while you wait.

Mr. I. Swanson of Chattanooga, has taken the position of moulder at the Valve Works.

Rev. G. S. Brown of C. P. Church at Inman, will preach at Owen Church, Sunday next at 11 a. m.

M. Burnett is getting ready to make sorghum, or sogerum, just as you please, for 'long sweetening.'

Mr. Jas. Dixon, agent of the Chattanooga National Building & Loan Association spent Sunday in town.

Remember we print any kind of work, cards, envelopes, letter-heads, cheap. If you don't think so come and see.

The crop of nuts this year is good. What good times we shall have the coming winter helping the children eat them.

We hear that J. C. Norris, formerly of Sequachee, has a good trade and is seemingly prosperous at Fayetteville.

One of our cherry trees has taken a notion to blossom, possibly to keep up with the South Pittsburg apple blossom.

Adjourned meeting of Sons of Veterans, Saturday Oct., 18. See notice, and do not forget to tell your neighbors.

Saturday last Miss Janie Francis, Mrs. B. F. Lasater and J. H. Harris attended the teachers Institute at South Pittsburg.

Mr. Jas. Daffron will temporarily occupy the Thornton place. Later, Mr. Eldridge will build a house and move there himself.

Mrs. Harrington of Chattanooga, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Degnan and mother Mrs. Boyle, returned home Saturday.

Mr. Wm. Owen is arranging to get a car load of coal from Whitwell shortly. Now if we can only get some money to buy some coal.

Mr. Sherman has been harvesting the fine crop of potatoes for the Town and Improvement Co., in the vineyard. He proposes to store them.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Graham left for the Atlanta Exposition this morning and will be absent about a week. Mr. Devauney of Pikeville, takes Mr. Graham's place at the depot in his absence.

We had hoped to get a report of the Teachers' Institute for publication. It was not convenient for us to attend and, somehow, we failed to see anyone who attended to get the proceedings, which we wished for very much and would have published with pleasure.

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Resolutions.

At a meeting of Post 53 G. A. R. held Sept. 25th 1895, a committee consisting of Commander Harris, S. V. Commander Coppinger and Comrade Hill were chosen to prepare and publish suitable resolutions on the death of Comrade Robert N. White a charter member of this Post.

The said committee respectfully present the following.

WHEREAS, the Great Commander of the Universe in his mercy has removed our Comrade and friend from a sphere of usefulness

BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of this Post tender to the family of our late Comrade their sincere sympathy and consideration.

ANDREW HARRIS,
AUSTIN COPPINGER, } Com.
THOMAS H. HILL, }